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requisite gift, in view of the strong probability that it will lead to a great advance in our knowledge of the heavenly bodies. Any one interested in this plan is invited to address the undersigned.

EDWARD C. PICKERING,

Director of the Observatory of Harvard College.  
Cambridge, Mass., U.S.A., September, 1892.

#### Naltunne Tunne Measures.

WHEN the writer was at the Siletz Agency, Oregon, in 1884, he obtained the following units of measurement from Alex. Ross, the chief of the Naltunne tunne, an Athapascan people:—

1. The double arm's length, from the meeting of the tips of the thumb and forefinger of one hand to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and forefinger of the other hand.

2. Single arm's length, "one arm," extending from the tip of the middle finger along the extended arm to the shoulder-joint.

3. From the middle of the sternum along the extended arm to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and index finger.

4. From the inner angle of the elbow to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and index finger.

5. From the middle of the fore-arm to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and index finger.

6. From the first wrinkle of the wrist to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and index finger.

7. The width of the hand (when grasping a stick), "one grasp," equal to the width of four fingers (No. 11).

8. One finger width. 9. Two finger widths. 10. Three finger widths.

11. Four finger widths (the hand being open), equal to No. 7.

12. Five finger widths (including the thumb).

13. From the joint of the right shoulder horizontally across the body to the meeting of the tips of the thumb and forefinger of the extended left arm.

14. From the tip of the right elbow (the right arm being bent and held horizontally, the hand touching the shoulder) horizon-

tally across the body to the tip of the middle finger of the left hand, the left arm also being extended horizontally.

J. OWEN DORSEY.

Takoma Park, D.C., Sept. 13.

#### Omaha Arrow-Measure.

THE Omaha use the following as their arrow-measure: From the inner angle of the elbow to the tip of the middle finger, and thence over the back of the hand to the wrist-bone.

J. OWEN DORSEY.

Takoma Park, D.C., Sept. 13.

#### BOOK-REVIEWS.

*Elementary Text-Book of Entomology.* By W. F. KIRBY. Second Edition. Revised and augmented. Ill. New York, Macmillan & Co. 281 p. 8°. \$3.

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#### Publications Received at Editor's Office.

DOBBIN, L. and WALKER J. Chemical Theory for Beginners. New York, Macmillan & Co. 16°. 244 p. 70 cts.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF TEXAS. Annual Report, 1891. Austin, State. 8°. Paper. 470 p.

KIRBY, W. F. Elementary Text-Book of Entomology. New York, Macmillan & Co. 8°. 282 p. Ill. \$3.

WILKINSON, GEORGE. The Voice. 16°. Paper. 72 p.

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